

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 538

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Scott Standard for his exemplary service as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 92.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Standard has demonstrated singular leadership, communication, and organizational skills as scoutmaster for BSA Troop 92 since 2014, but he is relinquishing the post to allow new leaders to make their mark; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Standard expertly guided Troop 92 to Gold Level status for three consecutive years, and he enthusiastically served as a high adventure trek leader each summer, leading expeditions to hike and backpack the Appalachian Trail in New Hampshire, canoe in Maine, and explore Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and Florida Sea Base; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with Troop 92, Dr. Standard helped quadruple the number of scouts and active adult volunteers, improved communication, defined and expanded adult volunteer roles, and meticulously planned each meeting and outing; and

WHEREAS, he fostered a scout-led troop focused on developing and encouraging leaders; his desire was for scouts to have fun during outings, while learning by doing and meeting challenges; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Standard ensured that each scout was successfully engaged in his scouting path and developing leadership and communication skills; each January, with temperatures often reaching single digits, he led Wilderness Survival Merit Badge outings that taught his scouts how to survive in nature; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with Troop 92, he serves on the Atlanta Youth Project Board of Trust and is a Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church; he is a past member of the Harding Academy Board of Trust; and

WHEREAS, in his career as a physician, Dr. Standard is a partner in Howell Allen Neurosurgery and serves as chairman of neurosurgery at St. Thomas Hospital and a board member of St. Thomas Health System; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Standard has published numerous articles in medical journals and has been honored multiple times with "Best Doctor in Nashville" awards; he will be inducted into the Seton Honor Society in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Princeton University, he attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical School, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society and graduated cum laude; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Scott Standard is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-nine years, the former Laurie Kane, his sons, Crawford, Logan, and Jack, who attained the rank of Life Scout in Troop 92, and his nephews Henry and Cooper, both of whom became Eagle Scouts with Troop 92; and

WHEREAS, as a younger man, Dr. Standard enjoyed hiking the cliff near his family's lake house with his brother, Hank; as scoutmaster of Troop 92, he gained an even greater appreciation of nature while developing our leaders of tomorrow; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Scott Standard for his exemplary service as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 92, thank him for his many contributions to the greater Nashville community, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.